

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. <u>08- 354</u>
v.	:	DATE FILED: <u>June 17, 2008</u>
EDWARD WILFORD	:	VIOLATIONS:
MICHAEL HOUSTON	:	21 U.S.C. § 846 (conspiracy to possess
	:	with intent to distribute 5 grams or more
	:	of cocaine base (“crack”) - 1 count)
	:	21 U.S.C. § 841 (a)(1), (b)(1)(B)
	:	(possession with intent to distribute
	:	five grams or more of cocaine base
	:	(“crack”) - 1 count)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 924(c) (possessing a firearm
	:	during and in relation to a drug
	:	trafficking crime - 1 count)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) (convicted felon in
	:	possession of a firearm - 1 count)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 2 (aiding and abetting)
	:	Notice of forfeiture

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

1. On or about September 5, 2007, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

EDWARD WILFORD
and
MICHAEL HOUSTON

conspired and agreed, together and with others known and unknown to the grand jury, to knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with the intent to distribute five grams or more, that is, approximately ten grams, of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base (“crack”), a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21,

United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B).

MANNER AND MEANS

It was a part of the conspiracy that:

2. Defendant EDWARD WILFORD transported crack cocaine in a car to the 2100 block of North 20th Street and distributed crack cocaine to defendant MICHAEL HOUSTON. Defendant WILFORD stored additional crack cocaine in his car.

3. Defendants EDWARD WILFORD and MICHAEL HOUSTON distributed crack in the 2100 block of North 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to a customer of their drug distribution business.

4. Defendant MICHAEL HOUSTON gave the proceeds from the sale to defendant EDWARD WILFORD.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

COUNT TWO

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about September 5, 2007, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

**EDWARD WILFORD
and
MICHAEL HOUSTON**

knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute, and aided and abetted the possession with intent to distribute, five grams or more, that is, approximately ten grams, of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base (“crack”), a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT THREE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about September 5, 2007, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

EDWARD WILFORD

knowingly used and carried a firearm, that is, a Smith & Wesson, model 36, revolver, serial number 672128, loaded with five live rounds of ammunition, during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a Court of the United States, that is, conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, and possession with intent to distribute, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1).

COUNT FOUR

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about September 5, 2007, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of
Pennsylvania, defendant

EDWARD WILFORD,

having been convicted in a court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate commerce, a firearm, that is, a Smith & Wesson, model 36, revolver, serial number 672128.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE #1

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. As a result of the violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, set forth in this indictment, defendants

**EDWARD WILFORD
and
MICHAEL HOUSTON**

shall forfeit to the United States of America:

- (a) any property used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offenses; and
- (b) any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly from the commission of such offenses.

2. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to

seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.

All pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE #2

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

As a result of the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(c)(1), set forth in this indictment, defendant

EDWARD WILFORD

shall forfeit to the United States of America all firearms and ammunition involved in the commission of such offenses, including, but not limited to, a Smith & Wesson, model 36, serial number 672128.

All pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d).

_____ **A TRUE BILL:**

_____ **FOREPERSON**

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